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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Annotated agenda for the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2016/202, adopted the provisional agenda for its 2016 session.

Section I of the present document reflects the list of items on the agenda for the 2016 session of the Council (E/2016/1). Section II contains the annotations for the items. The annotations are intended to provide a brief history of each item and to indicate, where applicable, the documentation that is to be made available during the course of the session. The present document does not include items that are considered by the Council on a biennial basis.[1]

The Council, in its resolution 2016/1, adopted the working arrangements for its 2016 session, which includes the coordination and management meetings, the operational activities for development segment, the integration segment, the humanitarian affairs segment, the high-level segment, and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council.

The Council is to further update its working arrangements for the 2016 session to revise the dates of some meetings as originally decided in its resolution 2016/1 and to include additional meetings as requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 69/313 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, 70/1 on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 70/192 on the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development.

[1] The proposed programme budget for the next biennium, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields, the United Nations Forum on Forests, the transport of dangerous goods and the United Nations research and training institutes.

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II. Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the programme of work of the Economic and Social Council is on a July-to-July cycle. The term of office of the officers of the Council (the Bureau) for the 2016 session will be from the date of their election until the date of election of their successors, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Council. In accordance with the principle of equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President of the Council at its 2016 session should be from the Asia-Pacific States. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council will be elected from the other regional groups.

In its decision 2016/200 A, the Council elected by acclamation Oh Joon of the Republic of Korea as President of the Council, and Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava of Zimbabwe, Vladimir Drobnjak of Croatia, María Cristina Perceval of Argentina and Paul Seger of Switzerland as Vice-Presidents of the Council for its 2016 session.

In its decision 2016/200 B, the Council elected by acclamation Sven Jürgenson of Estonia and Jürg Lauber of Switzerland as Vice-Presidents of the Council, to complete the term of office of Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia) and Paul Seger (Switzerland), respectively.

In its decision 2016/200 C, the Council elected by acclamation Héctor Alejandro Palma Cerna of Honduras as Vice-President of the Council to complete the term of office of María Cristina Perceval (Argentina).

On the recommendation of the President, the Council, in its decision 2016/203, decided on the special responsibilities of the Bureau for the 2016 session.

Documentation

No documentation required.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Council, at the 1st meeting of its 2016 session, on 24 July 2015, adopted the provisional agenda for the session (Council decision 2016/202).

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/2016/1)

Documentation for the provisional programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2016 (E/2016/2)

Annotated agenda for the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/2016/100)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, arranges consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and makes proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council convenes consultations of the Council, on an "as available" basis, to adapt its organization of work and current methods of work in pursuance of the provisions set out in General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will schedule the elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies during the coordination and management meetings of the session.

Documentation

Annotations for the elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council (E/2016/1/Add.1)

Election of the members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/2016/9 and addenda)

5. High-level segment

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/1, decided that a high-level segment will be held in July. It will continue to discharge the functions of the high-level segment of the Council as provided for in General Assembly resolutions 45/264, 48/162, 50/227 and 61/16.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold an annual dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions.

The Council, in its resolution 2015/11, requested the Committee for Development Policy, at its eighteenth session (14-18 March 2016), to examine and make recommendations on the annual theme of the 2016 session of the Council.

The Council, in its decision 2015/203, decided that the theme for the 2016 session would be "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results".

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighteenth session (E/2016/33) (Supplement No. 13) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1998/46 and 2015/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results (General Assembly resolution 68/1 and Council decision 2015/203)

(a) Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, shall be held during the high-level segment of the Council.

Documentation

Executive summary of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

(b) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy during its high-level segment.

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey 2015/2016 (E/2016/50) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2016 (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

(c) Development Cooperation Forum

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1, the Council will hold its biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation, including strategies, policies and financing, promote greater coherence among the development activities of different development partners and strengthen the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation (General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1)

(d) Thematic discussion

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1, the Council continues to promote global dialogue, inter alia, by strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from the economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

The Council is to decide at a later date on the theme of the thematic discussion to be held during the high-level segment of its 2016 session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the 2016 thematic discussion of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1)

6. High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, decided that the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council would be convened annually by the President of the Council and would have a thematic focus reflecting the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, in line with the thematic focus of the activities of the Council and consistent with the post-2015 development agenda.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/1, the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the Council, will carry out regular reviews, in line with Assembly resolution 67/290; follow-up and review at the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals to be prepared by the Secretary-General in cooperation with the United Nations system and the *Global Sustainable Development Report*.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/1, invited the President of the Council to conduct a process of consultations on the scope, methodology and frequency of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* as well as its relation to the progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals, the outcome of which should be reflected in the ministerial declaration of the session of the high-level political forum in 2016.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including through annual regional meetings.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1, the meetings of the high-level political forum will be informed by the summary of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1 and 70/192, the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Council forum on financing for development follow-up will be fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the high-level political forum.

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 69/214 and 70/201, reiterated the call of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the further mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system, and in this regard invited the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made, including for the consideration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/201, affirmed that due consideration should continue to be given to sustainable consumption and production at the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Council. The high-level political forum on sustainable development will therefore continue to consider reports from the board and the secretariat of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, as elaborated in the 10-year framework of programmes.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/125, invited the high-level political forum on sustainable development to consider the annual reports of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/204, decided to give due consideration to the review of the global progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework as part of the processes of integrated and coordinated follow-up to United Nations conferences and summits, aligned with the Economic and Social Council, the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the quadrennial comprehensive policy review cycles, as appropriate, taking into account the contributions of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and regional platforms for disaster risk reduction and the updated monitoring tool based on the Hyogo Framework for Action Monitor.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/202, recalled paragraph 11 of its resolution 67/290, paragraph 123 of the Samoa Pathway and paragraph 16 of its resolution 69/217, and noted that the high-level political forum shall devote adequate time at its 2016 meeting and at its future meetings to continuing to address the sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States and the follow-up to and implementation of the Samoa Pathway, and further encouraged the high-level political forum to devote sufficient attention to these discussions, bearing in mind that small island developing States are a special case for sustainable development, as well as lessons learned from the follow-up and review processes of previous conferences on small island developing States and their outcome documents.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 69/214 and 70/201)

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its nineteenth session (9-13 May 2016) (E/2016/31) (Supplement No. 11) (General Assembly resolution 70/125)

Executive summary of the *Global Sustainable Development Report* (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation (General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1 and 70/192)

Summary by the President of the Council of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145 and 69/313 and Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)

Reports of five regional meetings on sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 67/290)

Papers by major groups and other relevant stakeholders (General Assembly resolution 67/290)

7. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/226, and the Council, in its resolution 2015/15, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system[3] (General Assembly resolution 67/226 and Council resolutions 2014/14 and 2015/15)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 62/208, 64/289, 65/176, 67/226 and 68/229 and Council resolutions 1995/51, 2011/5, 2013/5 and 2015/15).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/1, the relevant governing bodies of the United Nations development system should take action to review the support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations development system and to report on progress and obstacles.

[3] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2015 (E/2015/35) (Supplement No. 15) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250, 62/208 and 65/176 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2015 (E/2015/34/Rev.1) (Supplement No. 14) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2015 (E/2016/36) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 53/192, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2015 (E/2016/14) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 50/8, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on its first and second regular sessions and its annual session of 2015 (E/2016/4) (General Assembly resolution 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/5)

(c) South-South cooperation for development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220, the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation meets once every two years in odd numbered years and reports to the Assembly through the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and the Council.

At its eighteenth session, the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, in its decision 18/2, approved the provisional agenda for its nineteenth session, to be held in 2016. The Council will therefore consider the report of the nineteenth session of the Committee at its 2016 session.

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its nineteenth session (16-19 May 2016) (A/71/39) (Supplement No. 39) (General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220)

8. Integration segment

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, an integration segment is held annually, the timing and modalities of which are decided by the Council. The main functions of the segment are to consolidate all the inputs of Member States, the subsidiary bodies of the Council, the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders and to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. The integration segment brings together the key messages from the Council system on the main theme and develops action-oriented recommendations for follow-up.

The Council, in its decision 2016/206, decided that the theme of the integration segment of its 2016 session would be "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through policy innovation and integration".

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

9. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly established a humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council, and pursuant to paragraph 11 (b) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, a humanitarian affairs segment will be held in June, through which the Council should continue to contribute to strengthening the coordination and effectiveness of United Nations humanitarian assistance and support and complement international efforts aimed at addressing humanitarian emergencies, including natural disasters, in order to promote an improved, coordinated response by the United Nations. The Council should also continue to hold a special event to discuss the transition from relief to development, to be convened immediately preceding the humanitarian affairs segment and following the annual session of the executive boards of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decision 1999/208)

10. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

In its resolution 45/264, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations addressed to him in the annex to the resolution, which included the recommendation that the substantive session of the Council be organized under segments, including a coordination segment, and that the coordination segment focus on the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations. In its resolution 2008/29, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the annual ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year. In its resolution 68/1, the Assembly decided that dedicated coordination and management meetings would be held regularly to perform the functions of the coordination and general segments.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

11. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the United Nations system was requested to mainstream the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development throughout its work. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 69/214 and 70/201, invited the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Council, on progress made in further mainstreaming the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system.

In its decision 2011/217, the Council invited the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security to transmit to the Council annually, starting in 2012, a report on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition, in accordance with its new roles and vision.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 69/214 and 70/201)

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition (Council resolution 1999/212 and decision 2011/217)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/313 the Economic and Social Council will hold an annual forum on financing for development follow-up, consisting of up to five days, one of which will be the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and up to four days of which will be dedicated to discussing the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. The forum's intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations will be fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda in the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/192, decided that the sessions of the forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in the spring and that its inaugural session would be held in 2016. It also decided that the forum would be chaired by the President of the Council, who would take the steps necessary to prepare the work of the forum according to paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the overall theme of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 69/313 and Council resolution 2014/11)

Summary by the President of the Council of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145 and 69/313 and Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)

Information note on the arrangements for the 2016 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/192)

Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1 and 70/192)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

The Council, in its resolution 2015/35, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 69/231, invited the Economic and Social Council to consider the issue of the comprehensive high-level midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries as part of its coordination and management meetings in 2016. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, by the first quarter of 2016, on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, in lieu of his report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session and to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2016.

In its resolution 70/216, the General Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, by the first quarter of 2016, on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, in lieu of his report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session and to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2016.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (General Assembly resolutions 65/280 and 70/216 and Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1998/46 and 2015/35)

12. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit its annual overview report to the Council to provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2015.

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-sixth session (6 June-1 July 2016) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2015 (Council resolution 13 (III) and decision 2001/321)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-sixth session (A/71/16) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX))

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019.

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 (see relevant fascicles of A/71/6) (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77)

(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 62/137 and 65/191, requested the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the Assembly, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

In its resolution 2015/12, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its 2016 session, a report on the implementation of the resolution, including on the promotion of accountability at both the national and the global levels and on progress made in the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/137 and 65/191 and Council resolution 2015/12)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

In its resolution 2015/18, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the conclusion of the 2016 session, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development

priorities, building on the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms.

The Council, in the same resolution, requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for consideration at its 2016 session.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2015/18)

(e) African countries emerging from conflict

In its decision 2015/231, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan by the United Nations system (E/2015/74) and requested that another report on the subject be submitted for the Council's consideration at its 2016 session.

In its resolution 2009/32, the Council invited the Chair of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to inform it about best practices, particularly lessons learned from its experiences, that are relevant for addressing the economic and social challenges of peacebuilding in other African countries emerging from conflict.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan (Council decision 2015/231)

(f) Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

In its resolution 2013/12, the Council requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases by expanding the mandate of the existing Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, with this Task Force to be convened and led by the World Health Organization (WHO), to report to the Council through the Secretary-General and to incorporate the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, including the work to support the accelerated implementation by parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of WHO and in full consultation with Member States through WHO, to develop the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, incorporating, but not limited to, the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control and the current work of the secretariat of WHO to develop a division of tasks and responsibilities, as exemplified in appendix 4 to the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020.

In its resolution 2015/8, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report at the 2016 session on the implementation of resolution 2013/12 in preparation for a comprehensive review by the General Assembly, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Council resolutions 2013/12, 2014/10 and 2015/8)

13. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265, 61/16, 67/290 and 68/1

In the annex to its resolution 68/1, the General Assembly stated that the Secretary-General should make proposals to promote collaboration across the United Nations system, taking account of the functions of a strengthened Council, with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat serving as a central hub of support for the Council, in order to better utilize existing resources of the United Nations system to broaden support to the Council and its Bureau. The proposals were to include measures to enable the Secretariat to better support the implementation of a unified development agenda. Similarly, the Secretary-General was to explore proposals to strengthen support to the Council, including to the office of the President of the Council.

Documentation

No documentation requested.

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/96, and the Council, in its resolution 2015/16, requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories, and also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

In the same resolutions, the General Assembly and the Council requested the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the President of the Council to continue to maintain close contact on those matters and to report thereon to the Council. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular

attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its 2016 session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 70/96 and Council resolution 2015/16)

Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 70/96 and Council resolution 2015/16)

15. Regional cooperation

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold an annual dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions. The Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including through annual regional meetings.

The Council will also consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations contained therein that statutorily require its approval.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2016/15 and addenda)

Economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region (Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States), 2015-2016 (E/2016/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2015-2016 (E/2016/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2016* (E/2016/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook 2015-2016 (E/2016/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2015-2016 (E/2016/20)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Cooperation among the United Nations regional commissions"

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Cooperation among the United Nations regional commissions"

16. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Council, in its resolution 2015/17, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (Council resolution 2013/8)

17. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and its decision 1995/304, the Council considers the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its regular (25 January-3 February and 16 February 2016) and resumed (23 May-1 June and 10 June 2016) sessions. The dates of and provisional agenda for the 2016 sessions of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/229.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session (E/2016/32 (Part I)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304)

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2016 session (E/2016/32 (Part II)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304)

18. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighteenth session (14-18 March 2016).

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighteenth session (E/2016/33) (Supplement No. 13) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1998/46 and 2015/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 69/214 and 70/201)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its nineteenth session (9-13 May 2016). The provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/246.

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 68/198 and 70/125, requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the resolutions, as part of his annual reporting to the Assembly, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Council, on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its nineteenth session (E/2016/31) (Supplement No. 11) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235 and 56/182)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (General Assembly resolutions 68/198 and 70/125)

(c) Statistics

The Council will have before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session (8-11 March 2016). The provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/216.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-seventh session (E/2016/24) (Supplement No. 4) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L))

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2015/34)

(e) Environment

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The Governing

Council meets in regular sessions every two years and in special sessions in alternate years.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/251, decided to change the designation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme.

At its first session, held from 23 to 27 June 2014, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, in its decision 1/2, decided to hold its second session in Nairobi from 23 to 27 May 2016. The Council will therefore consider the report of the second session at its 2016 session.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/71/25) (Supplement No. 25) (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 67/251)

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-ninth session (11-15 April 2016). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/253.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-ninth session (E/2016/25) (Supplement No. 5) (General Assembly resolution 49/128)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fifteenth session (18-22 April 2016). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/247.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fifteenth session (E/2016/44) (Supplement No. 24) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Pursuant to its resolution 2013/24, the Council will hold, on an annual basis, a special meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/313, the frequency of meetings of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters has been increased to two sessions per year, with a duration of four working days each.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eleventh session (19-23 October

2015). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/214.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its twelfth session. The venue and dates of the twelfth session of the Committee will be approved by the Council at a later date.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eleventh session (E/2015/45) (Supplement No. 25)

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its twelfth session (E/2016/45) (Supplement No. 25)

(i) Cartography

At its 2011 session, the Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to its resolution 2011/24. The Council, in its decision 2014/251, approved the provisional agenda and dates for the fifth session of the Committee (5-7 August 2015). The Council will consider the report of the fifth session of the Committee at its 2016 session.

The Council, in its decision 2014/240, approved the venue, dates and provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Bangkok, 25-29 April 2016). The Council will consider the report of the twenty-ninth session of the Group of Experts at its 2016 session.

The Council, in its decision 2014/252, approved the dates and venue for the Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, 5-9 October 2015). The Council will consider the report of the Conference at its 2016 session.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-ninth session (Bangkok, 25-29 April 2016) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and decision 2014/240)

Report of the Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, 6-9 October 2015) (E/CONF.104/9) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its fifth session (5-7 August 2015) (E/2015/46) (Supplement No. 26) (Council resolution 2011/24)

(j) Women and development

The Council will have before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixtieth session (14-24 March 2016).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixtieth session (E/2016/27) (Supplement No. 7) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

(k) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

In its resolution 2000/32, the Council reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Council decided to continue consideration of the question, under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council (see also General Assembly resolution 59/45).

Documentation

No request for advance documentation.

19. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixtieth session (14-24 March 2016). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixtieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/218.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixtieth session (E/2016/27) (Supplement No. 7) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-fourth session (3-12 February 2016). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2015/212.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 69/144, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Council, on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-fourth session (E/2016/26) (Supplement No. 6) (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes (A/71/61-E/2016/7) (General Assembly resolution 69/144)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-fourth session (10 and 11 December 2015).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-fifth session (23-27 May 2016). The provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2015/235.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-fourth session (E/2015/30/Add.1) (Supplement No. 10A) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-fifth session (E/2016/30) (Supplement No. 10) (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1993/242)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-eighth session (9-11 December 2015).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-ninth session (14-22 March 2016). The provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2015/238.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2015. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961; article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances; and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2015.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-eighth session (E/2015/28/Add.1) (Supplement No. 8A) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-ninth session (E/2016/28) (Supplement No. 8) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2015 (E/INCB/2015/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In its resolution 58/153, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), should continue the existing practice of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly.

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Human rights

The Council will have before it the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions (23 February-6 March, 1-19 June and 21 September-9 October 2015).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Convention on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex). Under articles 44 and 45 of the Convention, the Committee on the Rights of the Child reports every two years to the General Assembly through the Council on its activities, and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions (E/2016/22) (Supplement No. 2) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/71/41) (Supplement No. 41)

(g) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifteenth session (9-20 May 2016). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decisions 2015/249 and 2015/250.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifteenth session (E/2016/43) (Supplement No. 23) (Council resolution 2000/22)

(h) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

In its resolution 62/220, the General Assembly decided that the Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with their respective roles under the Charter and Assembly resolution 50/227, and the Human Rights Council should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental process for the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed that the Human Rights Council should continue to have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Assembly thereon.

Documentation

No request for advance documentation.

Annex

Working arrangements for the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council

As set out in Council resolution 2016/1:

(a) The coordination and management meetings will be held from 4 to 6 April 2016; from 1 to 3 June 2016; and from 25 to 27 July 2016;

(b) The youth forum will be held on 1 and 2 February 2016;

(c) The operational activities for development segment will be held from 22 to 24 February 2016;

(d) The partnership forum will be held on 31 March 2016;

(e) The special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held on 18 and 19 April 2016;

(f) The one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters will be held on 22 April 2016;

(g) The integration segment will be held from 2 to 4 May 2016;

(h) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from 20 to 22 June 2016;

(i) The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from 11 to 15 July 2016; the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum will be held from 18 to 20 July 2016;

(j) The high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the biennial Development Cooperation Forum, will be held from 18 to 22 July 2016;

(k) The organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2016 to July 2017 will be held on 28 and 29 July 2016.

The Council, in its decision 2016/207, and recalling its resolution 2016/1, in particular paragraph (h), by which it had decided to hold the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2016 session from 20 to 22 June 2016, decided to change the dates for holding the segment to the period from 27 to 29 June 2016.

The Council, in its decision 2016/208, and recalling General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1 and its resolution 2016/1, decided that the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held on 6 and 7 June 2016.